

Technical Assistance Question & Response:

Energy Savings Performance Contracting (ESPC) Guidance

Question received (7/22/2020):

Hi, Our city is preparing to kick off an energy performance contracting process. I know that there was some good guidelines specific for local governments, but can't locate on the website. Can you please forward me the best practices guide or point me in the right direction for our situation?

Response:

Below please find several resources we are immediately aware of.

- The US Department of Energy (DOE) provides several forms of guidance for local governments:
 - DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy's State and Local Solutions Center provides guidance and resources to help communities understand how to implement ESPC <https://www.energy.gov/eere/slsc/energy-savings-performance-contracting>
 - DOE's Better Buildings Solution Center provides a detailed toolkit, which enables state and local communities to learn and benefit from the work of the Better Buildings ESPC Accelerator. It includes the best practices and innovative approaches that states, cities, and K-12 schools have used to successfully establish and implement performance contracting. Resources are grouped so that potential users of the mechanism can easily find the information they need at each stage of their ESPC decision-making process. Scroll to the bottom of the page to view a related 5-part webinar series on this topic. <https://betterbuildingsolutioncenter.energy.gov/energy-savings-performance-contracting-espcc-toolkit>
- The EEcoordinator page has many relevant resources and case studies:
 - <https://ee coordinator.info/?s=energy+savings+performance+contracting>
 - <https://ee coordinator.info/tag/escos/>
- SoCalREN has some of the best public sector guides in the State and we'd recommend registering to review their resources: <https://www.socalren.org/agencies/resources>
- Finally, check out Lindsey Hawes' (City of San Diego) presentation in a very recent SEEC Forum webinar, which includes a plan to utilize ESCOs in San Diego: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=itaq4Ocrng&list=PL9NyUDsg58snek51ly5slzv08KAQJPwHD&index=6>

This has been an area of interest for others and may be a good candidate for further response via a Virtual Office Hours and/or a more comprehensive Issue Brief with additional guidance and resources.

